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APARTMENT FIRE

JANUARY 1, 2001 3:30 P.M. TRT (00:23)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Mia Lee reported that a Glendale family had no home to return to that night. Fire investigators said an electrical short in Christmas tree lights quickly sent the apartment unit on West Palmer Avenue up in flames. One person was burned over 27 percent of his body in the fire.

FONTANA APARTMENT FIRE

JANUARY 2, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:28)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Fontana Fire Investigators continued to search for the cause of a blaze that left dozens homeless. Flames ignited at the "Villa Hermosa" apartment complex in Fontana that morning. No one was injured. One man had to jump from his second story apartment window in order to escape the flames. 46 people were forced to leave their homes because of fire or smoke damage. They were living in temporary housing with the help of the American Red Cross.

QUAKE STUDY

JANUARY 2, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:46)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a new in depth picture of the San Gabriel Valley was revealing some surprising facts. Soft sediment beneath the surface was really 3 miles deep, a lot deeper than previous estimates. That meant the surface was much more unstable during an earthquake, causing more damage. The San Gabriel Valley residents were taking it all in stride. Researchers said it would help engineers design buildings better equipped to withstand quakes.

HIGH WINDS

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that much of the Southland was still under wind advisories. The national weather service said winds in that area hit 52 miles an hour. In Lancaster, dust and tumbleweed blowing across roadways made driving safely extremely difficult. The high winds were not expected to die down until some time the following day. Authorities were warning drivers of high profile vehicles to be extra cautious.

STRIKE TEAMS

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:21)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the raging wildfire in San Diego had fire crews on alert across the state. That afternoon strike teams from Los Angeles got the call. They packed their gear and headed to the firelines.

GLEN AVON FIRE

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Santa Ana winds helped fan another brush fire near Glen Avon in Riverside County. That one broke out near Van Buren road and it was being called suspicious. Crew frantically worked to get the fire under control, but not before it burned hundreds of acres and threatened several structures. Investigators believed it might have been arson.

FIRE VICTIMS

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:22)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the wildfire forced hundreds of people to flee their homes that day. Residents living on both sides of highway eight in Alpine and on the nearby Indian Reservation that included a casino and an outlet mall were looking for shelter that night. The fire was still threatening as many as 200 structures that night.

DELUZ FIRE

JANUARY 4, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the hot, dry and windy conditions were causing fire problems all over Southern California. In Riverside County, firefighters in the air and on the ground were battling a brush fire in steep, rugged terrain near the intersection of De Luz and Rancho California roads. This wildfire started about noon and has blackened 150 acres. Erratic winds were adding to the difficulty battling the fire. More than 100 people were expected to stay there until the following day.

APT FIRE

JANUARY 6, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:45)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that tragedy had stricken in Huntington Beach. Flames raced through a senior citizen complex killing a woman trapped inside. It happened at the Emerald Cove apartment complex early that morning. Fire crews said more people could have died if a good Samaritan had not stepped in. A woman in her

60's died. Two other people were treated for smoke inhalation. The fire was still under investigation.

WATER MAIN

JANUARY 6, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that some people in Sherman Oaks were walking on dry land again that night after repair crews stopped the rush of gallons of water. DWP officials said the break occurred when an old pipe gave way. After about 20 minutes firefighters and DWP workers were able to stop the water flow. The water break caused damage to a hundred feet of sidewalk and 200 feet of the street.

QUAKE DANGER

JANUARY 7, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:46)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a new in-depth picture of the San Gabriel Valley was revealing some surprising facts. Soft sediment beneath the surface was really 3 miles deep, a lot deeper than previous estimates. That meant the surface was much more unstable during an earthquake causing greater damage. Researchers said that shouldn't scare people. They said it was actually good news because it would help engineers design buildings better equipped to withstand quakes.

FREEZING FISH

JANUARY 10, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Carl Bell reported that cold weather back east was taking its toll on more than just people and plants. Over the past few days, several dozen fish off the coast of Florida had washed up in the "Rocky Point" area of Tampa. Environmentalists said it was likely due to the unusually cold water and they believed several hundred more could die off soon. Temperatures were however expected to warm somewhat over the next week.

CLINTON EXECUTIVE ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:34)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that President Clinton issued a sweeping environmental order to save the nation's forests. The ban covered 60 million acres, almost four and a half million in California. Some Republicans charged the order would severely impair natural gas exploration at a time when the nation needs it most.

MTA FIRE

JANUARY 16, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:12)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported on some terrifying moments for hundreds of people inside a Downtown LA high rise, and for those who could see flames and smoke coming from the top of the building. The fire started that morning in the MTA headquarters building on Gateway Plaza.

NATURAL GAS PRICES

JANUARY 19, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:26)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that it was not just energy bills people were worried about. It was also gas bills. People all across the country were feeling the pinch. Many analysts said the problem went beyond local officials, accusing Federal politicians of not acting quick enough to predicted problems of supply and demand.

MOUNTAIN SNOW

JANUARY 21, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:19)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor reported that skiers and snow boarders braved the whiteout conditions, to hit the slopes. The most powerful storm to blow into California since three years ago was packing the mountains with a couple of feet of fresh snow. The storm was causing treacherous conditions for drivers.

HIGH VOLTAGE EXPLOSION

JANUARY 24, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:26)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a story that seemed to combine the major stories of the storm. A spectacular scene appeared when a power line was knocked down in the previous night's storm near Ventura and Topanga Canyon Boulevards in Woodland Hills. 16 thousand volts of electricity snapped. A series of small explosions took out a nearby transformer. Officials said they did not know how many people lost power in this incident since there were so many the previous night that it was not recorded separately.

DANA POINT FLOOD

JANUARY 26, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that at a Holiday Inn in Dana Point, water just slid off an adjoining hillside and straight through the back wall of the underground parking garage. It came gushing in, submerging cars in their tracks. About a dozen cars

were left treading in about three and a half feet of water. It was not the only place cars had to deal with rising waters.

BIRD RESCUE

JANUARY 27, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:27)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that a fine feathered friend was in the caring arms of a volunteer from a wildlife station in Huntington Beach. It was a California "Grebe." The bird was found stuck in the sand in surfside. According to his rescuer, the bird had a slight problem. Its feet were webbed so that it could only fish out of the water but it had to take off and land in the water. The bird was taken back to the wildlife center for observations.

VENICE WATER

JANUARY 29, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a little water had always been part of the charm of Venice, Italy. That night water was threatening to sink the city. High tides had hit Venice for almost two and a half weeks flooding parts of the city every day. People would slog through the water in boots or use elevated walkways to get around. The government was resisting calls to build giant flood gates, saying it would turn Venice into a stagnant pool.

EARTHQUAKE AID

FEBRUARY 5, 2001 12PM (TRT :41)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported rescuers pulled two more people from the rubble of the India earthquake, ten days after the 7.7 tremblor hit. The appeared to be a brother and sister in their 50's, and they survived off of cereal and water. The quake has killed more than 17,000 people and the death toll was expected to rise to more than 30,000.

WEATHER CHANGES

FEBRUARY 7, 2001 3:30PM (TRT 1:00)

KCAL 9 Reporter Jay Jackson reported Southland residents pulled out their shorts, then pulled out sweaters. The Southland went through some pretty dramatic weather changes in the last few days. Now, it's time to get out the umbrellas because it's now raining.

HARBOR RESCUE

FEBRUARY 13, 2001 2PM (TRT 1:36)

KCAL 9 Reporter Jay Jackson reported San Pedro was another area pounded by the storm. Strong winds roared through and scattered boats in the harbor. Dozens of boaters were trapped.

GRAPEVINE OPEN

FEBRUARY 14, 2001 10PM (TRT 1:40)

KCAL 9 Reporter Jay Jackson reported a welcomed relief for travelers trying to get through the grapevine. The stretch of the highway was shut down Monday by heavy snows, but it's now opened.

SNOW FOLLOW

FEBRUARY 14, 2001 12PM (TRT 1:10)

KCAL 9 Reporter Jay Jackson reported after a stormy night, the sun came out in the Southland. It's allowed the Highway Patrol to re-open the grapevine. It had been closed for more than 24 hours.

HOLIDAY SNOW

FEBRUARY 16, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :20)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported avalanches have closed part of the Angeles National Forest. Three to four avalanches hit the area earlier this week. The snow closed 8 miles of the Angeles Crest Highway from L.A. Canada Flintridge to Angeles Forest Highway.

BEACH WEATHER

FEBRUARY 19, 2001 12PM (TRT :17)

KCAL 9 Weather Forecaster Carl Bell reported another round of storms had pushed its way into the Southland. The storm brought dark gray skies and windy conditions. The National Weather Service said we should expect rain in the Los Angeles area today, but forecasters say don't look for the temperatures to drop.

RIVER TRASH

FEBRUARY 20, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :37)

KCAL 9 Anchor Mia Lee reported the Los Angeles City Council voted to appeal the controversial "zero tolerance" plan to stop trash from getting into the L.A. River. Councilmembers said it cost too much. The clean-up plan would require the city to step up enforcement of litter laws.

GLOBAL WARMING

FEBRUARY 20, 2001 12PM (TRT :28)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported a new United Nations' report predicted extreme and dire climate changes for the next century. It said global warming will cause polar ice caps and half of Northern Europe's Glaciers to melt. The report also warned of more floods and rising sea and river levels.

COSTA RICA DOLPHINS

FEBRUARY 20, 2001 12PM (TRT :25)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported hundreds of bottle-nosed dolphins were off the coast of Costa Rica. A change in water temperatures had brought algae and nutrients to the surface that is attracting thousands of fish, which in turn are attracting hundreds of dolphins.

WILDLIFE REHAB**FEBRUARY 21, 2001 2PM (TRT :45)**

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported a new facility had opened in the Bay area to treat wildlife affected by oil spills. The 2.7 million dollar center was funded by tariffs on the oil industry. It's prepared to take in one thousand birds.

WEATHER TONIGHT**FEBRUARY 26, 2001 10PM (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL 9 Reporter Tricia Kean reported it just wouldn't stop coming down in Torrance. The City's tracked the rainfall and the rain soaked earth gave away. Already there had been one mudslide, and residents fear more.

SUPREME COURT AIR**FEBRUARY 27, 2001 12PM (TRT :30)**

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported the Environmental Protection Agency won a huge victory as the Supreme Court ruled in favor of clean air. All nine justices agreed the law didn't require the government to consider financial costs of reducing pollution when setting air-quality standards.

WEATHER CHANGE

MARCH 1, 2001 3:30PM (TRT 2:15)

KCAL 9 reporter Michele Gile reported it was finally warm and clear in the Southland after "days" of rain! It was welcome relief for many, and Michele Gile found out if people still remembered what to do on a sunny day.

FLOOD RESCUE

MARCH 1, 2001 9PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Weather Anchor Marti Skold reported a massive flood rescue in Northern and Central Mozambique. Crews were working around the clock to save thousands of villagers from the rising waters. Officials say dozens have died and tens of thousands are homeless from the flooded Zambezi River in a flooded area near the village of Chupanga. A group of men waded through chest deep water carrying children to the soldiers. The rescued villagers were flown to a nearby evacuation camp.

ASTEROID PROBE

MARCH 1, 2001 9PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported NASA was saying "farewell" to a spacecraft that made history. The "NEAR", as it's called, was the first manmade object to touch down on an asteroid. Scientists were amazed when the "NEAR" continued to send signals to earth after landing on the asteroid. NASA was losing contact with the spacecraft because its signals are too weak. The "EROS" asteroid was 196-million miles from earth. Scientists may try to contact the spacecraft again in two years.

NORTHWEST QUAKE

MARCH 1, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :58)

KCAL 9 Reporter Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that estimates of the damage in the Seattle area were about 2-billion dollars. But officials say it could have been a lot worse. Seattle was one of the hardest hit areas.

LATEST QUAKE

MARCH 1, 2001 8PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported Washington State emergency officials say 410 people were hurt in the quake. Most of the injuries were minor. Damages were estimated at more than two-billion dollars. Dozens of buildings remained uninhabitable. More than 20 in Seattle, nearly 30 in Olympia. There was also the fear of landslides on quake-weakened hillsides. In Burien, south of Seattle, city officials red-tagged more than a dozen homes.

IDITAROD

MARCH 1, 2001 8PM (TRT : 20)

KCAL 9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on the Iditarod kickoff in Alaska. It was a grueling eleven-hundred mile trek across Alaska starting in Anchorage and ending in Nome. One thousand dogs took part in the event and got a final checkup. Veterinarians put the dogs through a battery of high-tech tests including a heart analysis. 79-teams were scheduled to take part in the 28th annual Iditarod.

SIERRA SNOW

MARCH 2, 2001 10PM (TRT :20)

Weather forecaster Marti Skold reported the Sierra braced for the first storm of the month. Ski resorts were prepared for a big weekend. The California Highway Patrol were advising motorists traveling in the Sierra to prepare for rapid weather changes and to carry chains for your tires.

SPACE SHUTTLE DELAY

MARCH 2, 2001 10PM (TRT :30)

Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported rough weather was delaying the homecoming for two space shuttles: Atlantis and Columbia piggy-backed on a 7-47. Both ships made pit stops in Texas after leaving California. They were scheduled to arrive at Cape Canaveral, but storms along their flight route are keeping them grounded. Atlantis was here after bad weather kept it from Florida on a return trip from MIR. Columbia was in Palmdale getting a 17-month overhaul-the cross country trip costs NASA nearly a million dollars.

SEATTLE LIVE

MARCH 2, 2001 10PM (TRT 1:44)

Reporter Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that buildings were off limits and too dangerous to enter after a massive quake rocked the Pacific Northwest. The injury toll rising more than 400 hurt.

SIMI RAIN

MARCH 2, 2001 12PM (TRT :30)

Weather forecaster Josh Rubenstein reported forecasters were keeping an eye on Los Angeles where the wet weather could result in flooding. But forecasters were also closely watching the weather up North where flooding has already occurred.

DAM OVERFLOW

MARCH 2, 2001 10PM (TRT :55)

KCAL 9 Weather Forecaster Josh Rubenstein reported tonight's heavy rains threatened the closure of the 101 freeway and flooding on the Santa Ynez River. In Ventura County, the water level in Lake Cachuma steadily rose, forcing crews to open flood gates.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

MARCH 6, 2001 2PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported a lightning hit a utility pole in Torrance. It blew a transformer to pieces and sparked several small fires. the downed power lines knocked out power to some homes for more than an hour. Backed-up storm drains caused street flooding all across the Southland. In the San Fernando Valley, A flooded stretch of vineland avenue was temporarily closed as were roads leading into the Sepulveda Flood Basin.

O/C SURF

MARCH 6, 2001 2PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported the weather may be beautiful, but not for long as we continue our Winter Weatherwatch. Orange County, like much of the Southland, was headed for another drenching, when the new storm moves in. But that's not the only thing blown in off the coast. Strong winds and high surf could kick up waves as high as ten feet in Orange County. Residents could also see some tidal flooding and erosion.

BOULDER DAMAGE

MARCH 10, 2001 9PM (TRT 1:11)

KCAL 9 Reporter Sandy Grace reported a fragment of a 12 to 15 ton boulder came flying down a steep hill, splitting trees, crashing into homes and a country store along Santiago Canyon Road, after a night of heavy rain and hail. The Orange County Fire authority said the big boulder split into 25 rocks, tumbling through a wall, another large rock just outside the homeowner's bedroom. He was sleeping inside. Longtime residents say it's a risk worth taking to live here.

GA TWISTER

MARCH 15, 2001 10PM (TRT :20)

KCAL 9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that the same line of powerful storms that hit Florida also slammed through Southwestern Georgia. Strong winds destroyed at least 12 structures, including mobile homes and barns. Trees and powerlines were toppled and several people were hurt.

SEA LION

MARCH 15, 2001 10 PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported three sea mammals were rescued today off the beaches in the Malibu area. Members of the Wildlife Center were called in to handle the mammals that stranded themselves or washed up on shore. Officials say more than a dozen seals and sea lions were beached in the last 24 hours, many of them emaciated and tired from being battered around by recent storms. These mammals were taken to the Marine Care Center in San Pedro for treatment.

FLORIDA TORNADO

MARCH 15, 2001 10PM (TRT :15)

KCAL 9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that parts of Florida were literally “shredded” by a deadly tornado. One man was killed, his wife critically injured. The tornado “tossed” their mobile home in the air, completely destroying it. Many other homes suffered a similar fate.

SHARK FIN SOUP

MARCH 16, 2001 12PM (TRT 1:00)

KCAL 9 Reporter Dough Hernandez reported a conservation group was warning that sharks around the world are under threat. A big problem is the demand for “shark fin soup” in Asia. Shark fin soup is a popular delicacy in traditional Chinese cuisine. One bowl can cost as much as 100 dollars. The group “Wild-Aid” said certain types of shark are now under threat of extinction because of over-fishing.

MIR DOOMSDAY

MARCH 16, 2001 12PM (TRT :40)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported Russian scientists were getting the MIR Space Station ready for its trip back to earth. Its re-entry comes amid fears that it could

crash into a populated area causing widespread disaster. Scientists say the chance of that happening is very small, but still possible.

DINOSAUR PRINTS

MARCH 16, 2001 12PM (TRT :20)

KCAL 9 Anchor Doug Hernandez reported dozens of footprints found in China caused quite an uproar. They were a rare collection of over one hundred dinosaur footprints found in the northwest province of Gansu. The largest footprint was four and a half feet long and three feet wide.

BIG WAVES

MARCH 16, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :28)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on the biggest surfers and the biggest waves in surfing history. The contestants have to prove that they rode the biggest wave in the North Pacific this winter. Each surfer glides on a wall of water, as much as seven stories high, at speeds of up to 45 miles and hour.

MIR

MARCH 23, 2001 10PM (TRT :1:35)

KCAL 9 Anchor Mia Lee reported the glory of the Russian Space Program lies at the bottom of the South Pacific. The Russians brought the MIR space station back to Earth in a spectacular splashdown into the ocean between New Zealand and Chile.

SO CAL QUAKES

MARCH 24, 2001 9PM (TRT :15)

KCAL 9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the Southland was rattled by two small earthquakes. The first one hit just after 1 a.m. this morning, about eight miles northwest of Ludlow. The U.S. Geological Survey said it had a magnitude of 3.0. The second quake near Ontario was bigger. It hit in the afternoon at 4:40 and measured 3.3.

JAPAN QUAKE

MARCH 24, 2001 9PM (TRT :35)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that a powerful earthquake killed two people in Japan and left widespread devastation in five states. The 6.4 trembler toppled buildings, snapped power lines and sent many people running for cover.

ACID RAIN

MARCH 26, 2001 9PM (TRT :23)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported acid rain was still a problem plaguing the Northeast despite cuts in power plant emissions. According to a new environmental study, acid rain has contributed to the decreasing number of red spruce and sugar maple trees. The report blames the Ohio River Valley's coal burning plants for much of the acid rain in the Northeast.

CHINA HAILSTONES

MARCH 27, 2001 2PM (TRT :25)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jan Velez-Mitchell reported a powerful storm killed six people in China. Two hundred more were injured when hail and tornadoes swept through the country's most prosperous province. Thousands of homes collapsed. More than 150,000 people were affected by the storm, many of them are now without power.

ROCKET FAILS

MARCH 28, 2001 8PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported a major setback for India's space program. A rocket carrying a satellite caught fire and failed to get off the launch pad. A computer system aborted the lift-off, keeping the rocket on the ground. One of the rocket's four engines failed to develop enough thrust.

CONDOR COMEBACK

MARCH 28, 2001 8PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported a condor raised in captivity and set free four years ago, has laid an egg in the wild, on the rim of the Grand Canyon. The endangered species was nearly extinct a generation ago. There are an estimated 45 California condors in California and Arizona.

PACIFIC POWER

MARCH 30, 2001 10PM (TRT :33)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that British rower Jim Shekhdar completed an epic crossing of the Pacific Ocean in Dramatic Fashion. 54-year-old Shekhdar was greeted by his family and a cold beer. Shekhdar was the only person to cross the Pacific Ocean in a row boat without assistance.

SOLAR FLARE

MARCH 30, 2001 10PM (TRT :27)

KCAL 9 Weather Forecaster Marti Skold reported scientists said solar flares could spark a spectacular northern lights show this weekend. The flares exploded from some of the largest sunspots seen in more than a decade. Officials said the solar fares could interfere with radio and satellite communications.

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L.A. LEGAL BILLS

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:21)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it looked like L.A. may have surpassed the previous year's record payouts for legal claims. That was not counting the millions the Rampart Police scandal would cost. Within the past six weeks the city put out nearly 52 million dollars. Millions went to Geronimo Pratt for his wrongful imprisonment and to the family of Margaret Mitchell, the homeless woman shot and killed by officers in 1999.

PUC MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that Southern California Edison said it expected customers to pick up the tab for the utility's debt. Officials from Edison and PG&E asked state regulators for rate increases at a meeting in San Francisco that day. Pacific Gas and Electric predicted it would run out of cash by early February, if it didn't get help. The two utilities had lost more than nine billion dollars because of soaring wholesale prices and a freeze on passing on higher costs to their customers.

CIGARETTE ADS

JANUARY 2, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that cigarette packs north of the border would not only come with the usual warning labels but also with pictures of bleeding and blackened gums. The new photos were designed to prevent young people from starting and encourage chain smokers to quit. There were 16 graphic pictures in all.

LA LEGAL BILLS

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:39)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it appeared L.A. may have surpassed the previous year's record payouts for legal claims. That was not counting the millions the Rampart Police scandal would cost. Within the past six months, the city put out nearly 52 million dollars. Millions also went to Geronimo Pratt for his wrongful imprisonment and to the family of Margaret Mitchell, the homeless woman shot and killed by police officers in 1999. The city set aside 30 million dollars to pay for Rampart

settlements the fiscal year. Not nearly enough considering there were 70 Rampart related cases that had not been settled.

LIGHT CHIP BAGS

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:17)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that the maker of Doritos, Cheetos and Lay's potato chips was putting the crunch on buyers to fight costs and keep prices the same, there was a drop in the number of chips per bag.

BUSH ECONOMY CONFERENCE

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M TRT (00:41)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the Fed's interest rate cut would give President-elect George W. Bush just the confidence he needed to push his proposed tax cut. The business leaders, many Bush supporters during the campaign endorsed the tax cut. Democrats said they would oppose the plan because they insisted it only benefited the rich.

MICROSOFT SUIT

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that software giant, Microsoft was facing its second racial discrimination lawsuit in three months. Lawyers for seven current and former employees had filed a five billion-dollar lawsuit, which was the biggest class action lawsuit ever. They accused Microsoft of discrimination in job evaluation, and retaliation. Another racial and gender bias lawsuit filed by an African American woman in October was still pending. The company said it was firmly committed to diversity.

PUC MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2001 3:30 P.M TRT (00:48)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Mia Lee reported that the Public Utilities Commission was holding another day of hearings in San Francisco to try to solve California's power crisis. That day's meeting was part of a process to deal with requests for hikes in electric rates from both Pacific Gas and Electric and Southern California Edison. PG&E was warning consumers to get ready for a big rate hike. So was Southern California Edison, which also said it may file for bankruptcy protection if a rate hike was not approved. Consumer groups said they would go to court to try to block any increase that was granted.

POWER CRISIS

JANUARY 5, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:22)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the state Public Utilities Commission would vote the following day on a proposal to increase rates for customers of Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric. Governor Davis had called a special session of the state legislature to deal with the power crisis.

INTEREST RATES

JANUARY 6, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:18)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a major national story would put more money in our wallet. The bulls were on the run after the Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate by half a percent. The move was expected to boost consumer spending. It was the biggest rate reduction in more than eight years in what some see as a rapidly weakening economy. Wall Street liked the rate cut. The Nasdaq closed at 26 hundred and 16, up 324 points for its biggest one-day gain ever. The DOW surged ahead 299 points to close at ten thousand.

DISNEYLAND LAWSUIT

JANUARY 5, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Disneyland faced a lawsuit from the family of a four-year-old boy injured on one of its rides. The suit claimed the park's negligence caused the accident that severely injured Brandon Zucker in September. He fell out of a spinning vehicle on the Roger Rabbit spin ride. Another car rolled over him and dragged him ten feet. Brandon suffered severe brain damage. The suit comes days after a state report criticized park workers for not loading the boy in correctly. The suit was seeking unspecified damages. Disneyland denied any wrong doing.

GM FIRESTONE RECALL

JANUARY 7, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on another recall for Firestone tires. But that time the tires weren't built for Ford. The latest recall affected sport utility vehicles made by General Motors. About 8 thousand tires were being recalled. GM said some of the tires were made in Mexico and built with contaminated rubber. That could cause the tread to separate from the steel belts. Thus far, there had been no reports of injuries or damage from the tires.

WEB SURFING

JANUARY 8, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:23)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that if you were one of those employees who liked to surf the web at work you should beware. New technology designed to sniff out computer abusers was online. The revolutionary hardware device was from a company called "E-sniff" Incorporated. Unlike blocking and filtering solutions, the E-sniff 1100 device didn't restrict communication or access to information. It analyzed all network traffic including e-mail, chat and print jobs. It would identify and store the activity that the individual company decided would be inappropriate. Developers hoped to have a home version available as well.

POWER HIKE

JANUARY 9, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that it looked like consumers were going to have to pay more for Gas and Electricity. Southern Cal Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric had been asking for a 76 percent increase over the next two years. Just a short time before, the state public utility commission had come up with much lower figures. The commission unofficially proposed a 9 percent hike in residential rates. 7 percent for small businesses, 12 percent for medium sized users and 15 percent for major users. The commission described the increase as a temporary surcharge. It would be in effect for the following ninety days.

BUSH ECONOMY

JANUARY 11, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:33)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that President-elect George W. Bush was meeting with top business leaders behind closed doors. It was part of his transition plan to pump up a slowing economy. The group started its private two-day meeting in Austin that day. People like Steve Forbes and the heads of General Electric, Home Depot, and Dell Computers were attending. Democrats in Congress agreed they would need to pass a large tax cut but they said Bush's plan sharply favors the rich.

FORD WARRANTIES

JANUARY 12, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that in response to the huge Firestone recall, Ford Motor Company was offering tire warranties on its Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury models. Tires with defects would be replaced for free. The warranties began with the two-thousand one models and covered repairs made on or after January first. They would be a part of the basic vehicle warranty. Ford had said that a lack of tire warranty data was one reason the Firestone tire problems were not found sooner.

APPLE DISCOUNTS

JANUARY 13, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:27)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that if you were in the market for an Apple computer, that would be the best time to buy one. In order to rid itself of excess inventory, the computer maker was cutting prices on its high end servers by p to a thousand dollars. Apple had also dropped the price of the G4 Cube computer to 15 hundred dollars. Also down was the top powerbook notebook slashed by 800 dollars, but prices for low end Imacs had not been cut.

MICROSOFT SUIT

JANUARY 14, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that software giant Microsoft was facing its second racial discrimination lawsuit in three months. Lawyers for seven current and former employees had filed a five billion-dollar lawsuit, which was the biggest class action lawsuit ever. They accused Microsoft of discrimination in job evaluations, pay, promotion, wrongful termination, and retaliation. Another racial and gender bias lawsuit filed by an African American woman in October was still pending. The company said it was firmly committed to diversity.

CAR WOES

JANUARY 15, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:36)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported on mixed news that day from the nation's car makers. The good news was Americans bought a record number of vehicles the previous year. The bad news was that sales would slump the current year. Auto manufacturers said sales for the previous month were dismal. They blamed a soft economy, falling consumer confidence, and high oil prices. Over production was the critical issue facing the industry since people were not buying. Americans bought just under 18 million vehicles the previous year. The big three auto manufacturers had already cut production, but many of their competitors had not, flooding the lucrative sport utility, minivan and light truck market.

NEW CHEVY

JANUARY 16, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that General Motors unveiled its Chevy Borrego that day. GM called it a sports adventure vehicle but claimed you could commute to work, haul cargo and even spend a night out on the town with it. The vehicle included a moveable midgate, which you could switch from seats to cargo space. It even

had an air compressor and water tank so you could inflate a boat or take a shower after an adventure.

MONTGOMERY WARDS

JANUARY 11, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:16)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Montgomery Ward began its going out of business sales. The sales would take place at all of the chains' 258 department stores, including dozens in California. The sale was expected to continue until all merchandise was sold. Montgomery Ward filed for bankruptcy the previous week. It had been in business for 128 years.

OFFICE DEPOT

JANUARY 12, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:28)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a crowded marketplace was causing Office Depot to shut down 70 of its North American stores and cut 10 percent of its work force. Almost 5 thousand employees would lose their jobs. Office Depot was still the leader in the office products business. But competitors such as "Staples" and "Office Max" had saturated the market. Office Depot stock surged on the news of the cuts. The company would still have more than 800 stores and plans to open 50 new outlets in markets where it was strong.

DELTA PILOTS

JANUARY 13, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that pilot shortages were forcing Delta Airlines to cut back its flight schedule through the end of March. About three percent of its flights were affected by the cutback. Most of the eliminated flights were between cities with frequent service and redeye flights from Las Vegas to the east coast. Since November, Delta had cancelled thousands of flights. That was because some of the company's 98 hundred pilots had refused to fly overtime. They were unhappy with contract negotiations that had been under way for 16 months.

STAMPS

JANUARY 16, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:17)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that first class postage would go up a penny to 34 cents that Sunday and there was no grace period. If you forgot and put a 33 cent stamp on mail after that you would see it again, marked return to sender. The new 34 cent stamps had three designs, a flower, flag and statue of liberty.

ENERGY REBATE

JANUARY 17, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a Southland state assemblyman thought taxpayers alone should not have to pay for the energy crisis. Republican Assemblyman Tom McClintock from Granada Hills said the state should use some of the 10 billion-dollar budget surplus as a rebate. He said the state caused the crisis and they should pick up the tab.

RIORDAN/DWP

JANUARY 18, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:49)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported on good news for DWP customers. LA Mayor Richard Riordan announced that day that the department would not be increasing their rates. Riordan was joined by DWP General Manager David Freeman. They wanted to make clear that DWP customers were not affected by the recent rate hikes and to remind consumers to use energy wisely. DWP rates hadn't changed in eight years. The previous day the Public Utilities Commission unanimously voted to approve a nine percent rate hike for Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric residential customers.

SEARS CLOSED

JANUARY 21, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:22)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the bad news for America's retailers continued. Sears had announced its closing 89 stores across the country. The move would eliminate 24 hundred jobs. The closings of the underperforming outlets would take place that quarter. The stores targeted included 53 of Sears' Auto Tire and Parts locations, 30 hardware stores, and four full time department stores. Slow sales, fierce competition, and sluggish sales in December were to blame. The previous week, Montgomery Wards announced it was going out of business.

THEME PARK PRICES

JANUARY 22, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that if you wanted to play with the dolphins, you would need to get ready to shell out more cash at some popular theme parks. Prices were going up. Both SeaWorld Orlando and Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay had increased ticket prices by two dollars. That made them the costliest theme parks in the world. Adults entering both attractions paid more than 50 dollars while children paid more than 40.

YOSEMITE PRICES

JANUARY 24, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that starting February 15th, most of the family sites would cost you 18 dollars. Backpacker campsites would be five dollars. Park officials said this was the first increase in five years.

PRICY TUNA

JANUARY 26, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:27)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that some were calling it the most expensive tuna in history. An enormous tuna fish fetched a record price of 174 thousand dollars. The 444-pound fish was caught and sold in Japan at the world's largest fish market. The fish was valued for its size and quality. It was also one of the first fish caught in the New Year. That made it very special to the Japanese, who placed great value on first things done in the New Year. The man who bought the tuna said he just wanted to give his customers the best product, even if he lost money.

ECONOMY DOWN

JANUARY 27, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:19)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that the nation's job growth the previous month fell to its slowest pace in eight years. The news hammered the stock market. The Dow Jones industrials fell 250 points to end the day at 10 thousand, six hundred and sixty-two. The Nasdaq tumbled 159 points, closing at two thousand four-hundred and seven.

SO CAL EDISON

JANUARY 28, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:17)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Southern California Edison said it would lay off one-thousand 450 workers over the next several months. The company said the move was part of a cost-cutting measure designed to save the utility company 465 million dollars.

RIORDAN DWP

JANUARY 31, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:49)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that LA Mayor Richard Riordan said the department would not be raising its rates. Mayor Riordan spoke out along with DWP General Manager David Freeman. They wanted to reassure DWP customers that they

were not affected by the recent rate hikes. DWP customers had remained insulated from the electricity crisis because the department chose not to deregulate in 1996.

RECESSION

FEBRUARY 2, 2001 10PM (TRT 2:05)

KCAL 9 Financial Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that if you lost your job to recession, the One-Stop Center is the place to find your next job. There are 50 of these centers in Southern California, including one in Inglewood. Everything is free and there are experts to help you.

CONSUMER/ENERGY PROTEST

FEBRUARY 13, 2001 9PM (TRT :41)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported some consumer groups were putting the heat on state lawmakers in Sacramento. They wanted to make sure residential rate payers weren't being overlooked as the state crafts and energy plan. The groups said the parent power companies should bear the brunt of the utilities' financial woes.

ENERGY HEARING

FEBRUARY 14, 2001 12PM (TRT :36)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported the heads of five television networks told a congressional energy hearing today that they would fix problems in projecting national elections. The heads of NBC, CBS, CNN, FOX, ABC, The Associated Press, and Voter News Service testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The hearings are being held to discuss the erroneous election-night presidential returns.

POWER CRISIS

FEBRUARY 16, 2001 2PM (TRT :27)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported Governor Davis expected to talk soon in Sacramento to announce a recovery plan for the State's power companies. Part of that plan includes buying the state's power transmission lines. It could also include rate hikes.

FORD RECALL

FEBRUARY 16, 2001 9PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported close to a million popular Ford cars have landed on the recall list. Fuel tank problems were forcing the recall of a half a million Mercury Villager minivans and F-Series pickup trucks. Officials said faulty fuel tank parts in some 93 to 98 models could leak and crack.

RECESSION READY

FEBRUARY 16, 2001 9PM (TRT 1:30)

KCAL 9 Financial Reporter Alan Mendelson reported some smart ways to live with less. Consider skipping fast food lunches and bring your lunch from home. If you save four dollars a day, that's 20 dollars a week, and a thousand dollars a year. Just skip a dollar bag of fries every day and you've saved 250 dollars a year and a ton of calories.

NAPSTER CASE

FEBRUARY 19, 2001 2PM (TRT :25)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported good news for Napster fans. There was still life in the online song swapping service. A judge had appointed a mediator to work out a deal that would allow Napster to stay in business, without violating copyright laws. Newsweek Magazine reported negotiations were underway to settle the dispute between Napster and record companies.

VIOLENT VIDEOS

FEBRUARY 19, 2001 9PM (TRT :40)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported a state lawmaker called it a disgrace. Children not only had access to violent and sexually explicit video games, but these games were marketed to kids. Assemblyman Juan Vargas had introduced a bill that would charge arcade owners with a misdemeanor if they allowed a child to use such games without parental consent.

DON'T PAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2001 12PM (TRT 1:55)

KCAL 9 Financial Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that if you were caught by surprise and laid off from your job, or you were forced to take a pay cut, there are some loans that could give you a break. There are some loan payments you can defer or delay, although not permanently, but for a period of time.

YOUR MONEY

FEBRUARY 20, 2001 12PM (TRT 1:30)

KCAL 9 Financial Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the world gold prices were starting to tumble and analysts said the tumble was likely to continue. Soon it will be safe to go back to your dentist and soon it will be safe to buy gold. That's how cheap gold prices might get.

TYSON RECALL

FEBRUARY 20, 2001 2PM (TRT :15)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported Tyson food recalled more than a ton of cooked chicken tenderloins and breast strips. The company said the products may be underprocessed and could make you sick.

BILLBOARDS ON WHEEL

FEBRUARY 21, 2001 12PM (TRT 2:00)

KCAL 9 Financial Reporter Alan Mendelson reported you can get a free car and it's no ordinary car. It would be a car that would make you stand out where ever you drive. You can also be paid as much as 400 dollars to drive your own car. It's part of a new advertising business.

APR OR REBATE?

FEBRUARY 21, 2001 12PM (TRT :46)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported buyers are now in the driver's seat when it comes to buying a new car. Poor sales have led companies such as Daimler-Chrysler to offer incentives like 0.9 percent financing or cash rebates of up to 2,000 dollars.

INFLATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2001 12PM (TRT :20)

KCAL 9 Financial Reporter Alan Mendelson reported inflation is back in town. Uncle Sam this morning said that the consumer price index last month increased by six tenths of one percent, that doesn't sound like much but it was a big jump in inflation.

DAIMLER/CHRYSLER

FEBRUARY 26, 2001 9PM (TRT :26)

KCAL 9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported a major slow down for the Daimler/Chrysler car company. The carmaker announced would lay off 26, 000 worker over three years and close three plants. Executives said that's because of a weakened U.S. car market.

MICROSOFT

FEBRUARY 26, 2001 9PM (TRT :25)

KCAL 9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported a big day in court for Microsoft. Company lawyers appealed a court order demanding the software giant be split up. Today a company attorney told a federal appeals court Microsoft did not violate anti-trust laws.

E-TOYS BANKRUPT

FEBRUARY 27, 2001 2PM (TRT :25)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported the NASDAQ halted trading of E-Toys stock after the company declared the shares worthless. Last week the on-line toy company announced it would file for bankruptcy. Its stock is valued at 9 cents a share.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

FEBRUARY 27, 2001 12PM (TRT 1:35)

KCAL 9 Financial Reporter Alan Mendelson reported all kinds negative news and there are three strikes against the economy. But what's bad news for main street America is good news for Wall Street. The good news was that the slowing economy might help spur the fed to cut rates again and soon.

CREDIT CARDS

FEBRUARY 27, 2001 12PM (TRT :58)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported a consumer group says credit card companies were tempting people by extending record levels of credit. The good news was more consumers were saying no. The federal government said the number of individuals and businesses filing for bankruptcy fell last year, the second year in a row.

TERABEAM

FEBRUARY 27, 2001 12PM (TRT :39)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported a Seattle company helped to accelerate high speed internet access. The company is Terabeam. It had built a network of laser hubs in the city that carried data at fiber optic speeds.

SLOW ECONOMY

March 1, 2001 12pm (TRT :50)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the National Economy is slowing down. The National Association of Purchasing Management reported that its factory index was still at a very low level and that level shows the economy headed for a broad recession.

RETROFIT HOUSE

March 1, 2001 2pm (TRT-1:48)

KCAL9 news reporter James Hill reported that many Southland homeowners are no strangers to Earthquakes and have prepared for the "Big One" by retrofitting their homes. He reported from Silver

CONSUMER SPENDING

March 1, 2001 12pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that while national spending went up in January and more of us were buying new cars, that consumer confidence could keep the Federal Reserve from cutting interest rates again. The threat of no more rate cuts by the Fed is what has investor confidence way down.

GREENSPAN

March 2, 2001 9pm (TRT :35)

KCAL9 news anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that President Bush got another endorsement for his tax cut proposal from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. He said the growing federal budget surplus would be best spent on tax cuts as long as Washington doesn't go too far. The president wants to beef up defense spending while cutting taxes. Democrats say it comes at the expense of programs like Medicare.

DELTA PICKETING

March 2, 2001 9pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 news anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that pilots for Delta Airlines were picketing at LAX and other airports around the country. Pilots and signs made the rounds in what was called an information picket. The pilots are not on strike but the union says sticking points include retroactive pay and 2-tier pay scale for pilots who work with Delta's regional carrier, Delta Express.

RAZOR SCOOTERS

March 2, 2001 12pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that there has been a big drop in sales of the Razor scooters and now some retailers are dropping their prices. One seller that has cut prices is Super Kids in Encino. Super Kids now sells Razor Scooters for 30 dollars which is less than one third of the regular retail price.

FLIGHTS CANCELLED

March 5, 2001 2pm (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 news reporter Laurie Shore reported live from LAX that the powerful winter storm building over the Northeast caused several airlines to cancel a massive number of flights. Viewers were advised to check with airlines to make sure their flights were still on schedule.

CAR PAWN

March 3, 2001 9pm (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that there is a new loan service growing as we near recession....Auto Pawn allows consumers to put up their cars as collateral when they need money.

BEEF PRICES

March 6, 2001 12pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 news anchor Mia Lee reported that beef prices are skyrocketing due to the harsh cold winter in the plains leaving cattle thinner and fattened the retail prices. USDA choice beef has reached a record 3.21 a pound, up from 2.80 a pound in the 90's.

TWA BANKRUPTCY

March 10, 2001 9pm (TRT :22)

KCAL9 news anchor Dilva Henry reported that the head of TWA says he'll be forced to liquidate the airline unless bankruptcy court approves the sale of most if its assets to American Airlines. In January, American announced a bid for TWA worth 742 million dollars plus the assumption of 3.5 billion dollars in aircraft leases.

KCAL FORUM

March 15, 2001 10pm (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride opened up the KCAL online forum for viewers to express their opinions on the plan for businesses to reduce power after hours. Do they think it will have much impact?

AIRLINE DELAYS

March 15, 2001 10pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that LAX came in second on a new list of the worst airports for flights arriving on time. Only Chicago's O'hare International airport did worse and United Airline with the most chronically delayed and cancelled flights. At congressional hearings, airline officials agreed to look at reducing delays by rerouting some flights away from the busiest airports.

CONSUMER DEBT

March 16, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Tricia Kean reported that news of an economic slowdown is causing many financial planners to warn customers about their debts. From home loans to credit card bills, one of the best ways to survive the crunch is to control spending.

OPEC OIL

March 16, 2001 12pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that OPEC ministers meeting in Austria could give the green light to cut oil production. They want to restore oil to 25 dollars a barrel. To do that, they may have to reduce production by at least 500,000 barrels. OPEC nations pump almost 40 percent of the world's oil and a reduction would have a direct effect on US retail prices for gasoline.

POWER POLICE

March 16, 2001 12pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Doug Fernandez reported that local businesses must now dim their lights at night or face possible fines. New orders from Governor Davis to help conserve electricity went into effect last night. Many businesses reportedly are cutting back but some say they can't because of security reasons. Companies who don't conserve under the new laws could be fined 1000 dollars a day.

STOCKS

March 16, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Dow industrials quickly sold off more worries of a slowing economy. The Dow was under ten thousand points the next support level might not be until we hit 9500. The NASDAQ was under 1900. Some analysts say that 1900 was a long term support level for the NASDAQ and if we broke that level there's no telling how much lower it would fall.

EDISON BANKRUPTCY

March 16, 2001 12pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that several power companies were circulating a petition that calls for Edison to be forced into bankruptcy. It's called involuntary bankruptcy and under federal law, three companies that are owed at least 10,000 dollars each can force another company into bankruptcy. One power supplier has already signed the petition and at least five other companies are included in the petition though they have not signed yet. The stock of Edison's parent company Edison International was down more than two dollars a share today and one Wall Street analyst says the financial red alert at Edison is back on.

DAIRY FOOT & MOUTH

March 16, 2001 2pm (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that worried Southland farmers are watching for signs of foot and mouth disease. KCAL9 reporter Leanne Suter reported live from Corona that farmers can only wait and watch and hope their extra precautions are enough.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

March 16, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:12)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a Sweeping bankruptcy reform bill is on the way. President Bush was expected to sign the bill that would make it harder for people to declare bankruptcy.

POWER WOES

March 24, 2001 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that California power consumers may have to pick up the tab for the state's energy crisis. According to new figures, the state's efforts to help Southern California Edison and PG & E could hit 23 billion by 2003. That figure is far more than previous projections of 10 billion, even though Governor Davis says the power crisis can be solved without a hike. Officials said an increase in power rates by 50 percent could cover the billions of dollars the state has been paying out.

WRITERS STRIKE

March 25, 2001 9pm (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Tricia Kean reports that economists predicted we could all feel the affects of a possible writers strike here in the local LA economy. The last strike in 1988 lasted 5 months and put many writers into debt while they were waiting to work again.

DAVIS/POWER

March 26, 2001 10pm (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Southern California Edison customers may be socked with a 40 percent rate hike as soon at tomorrow. It would add four dollars to every ten spent.

POWER TONIGHT

March 27, 2001 10pm (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that to prevent brownouts or blackouts, keeping the lights on has come at a frightening cost. The PUC slapped customers with the biggest rate hike in history. Bills jumped by as much as 46 percent.

RATE PAYER REAX

March 27, 2001 10pm (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that the electricity hike is quite a jolt to homeowners and even more so to small business owners who use more and will pay more. There is now widespread feat that the rate hikes will ruin many businesses.

WALL STREET REACTION

March 28, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the largest of the utility companies, PG&E is warning Wall St. and state officials the California energy crisis is far from being solved. The company says that the order to raise power rates solves very little. There is still a threat to the utility companies and they are still at the brink of bankruptcy.

ATM CHARGES

March 29, 2001 8pm (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that paying a fee to use the ATM isn't new but it is costing more these days. Now a consumer group wants the government to help keep ATM fees from breaking your bank.

ENERGY WEBSITE

March 29, 2001 2pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that there is no quick fix for energy shortages but now there is a website to show you how to live with less. The Home Energy Saver website was developed by the Lawrence Berkeley Lab. All you do is enter your zip code and you'll get a picture of the average energy costs for your area and the potential savings to you if you take specific efficiency steps. The Minnesota energy analysis shows dramatic savings in heating and hot water, nearly 50 percent.

MICROSOFT/GAME SHOW

March 30, 2001 2pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Microsoft unveiled its new interactive game console at the 10th annual video game show in Japan. Microsoft founder Bill Gates was there to promote his company's new "X-BOY" game console. It has built in online capabilities and a hard drive that creators hope will carry the company into the interactive home entertainment market.

ENERGY FAIR

March 30, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that state power officials are trying to rush the construction of some new power plants in the state, plants that will be built by companies and investors. This process, however, is not a quick one.

GAS PRICES

March 30, 2001 2pm (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported two developments drawing attention in the nation's capitol are the federal government signaling a shortage of gasoline supplies and revealing last year's pricing headaches were because of market fluctuations and we may be headed down the same road.

PERSONAL SPENDING

March 30, 2001 12pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that American consumers had no fear of recession in February. Spending increased moderately and to keep out buying binge going we took more money out of our savings accounts. The moderate increase in personal spending was another sign that the economy is not falling into recession even though the economy is slowing down.

FLIGHT DELAYS

March 31, 2001 9pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that some airline passengers will pay a bit more to fly. The FAA in 30 cities has imposed a 4.50 fee. The extra cash will be used to add additional runways. Airline officials believe the expansion will solve the problem of flight delays. Opponents suggest more realistic scheduling by airlines and encouraging more flights at underused airports. Most of the new runways will be completed in three to seven years.

HEALTH & MEDICAL ISSUES

HEALTH/MEDICAL ISSUES

DIET BACKLASH

JANUARY 2, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

A new study suggested Americans had their fill of the conflicting advice for what made for a healthy diet. Researchers found that the more confused people felt about what was good for them, the more likely they were to eat a high fat diet. More than 40 percent of those surveyed said they were tired of hearing about what foods they should or shouldn't eat. Some 25 percent said a low-fat diet took the pleasure out of eating.

ANTI-CELLULITE WORKOUT

JANUARY 5, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that if your New Year's resolution was to lose weight, there was something for everyone to think about. Working out would help get rid of your cellulite. Experts said cellulite was caused by muscle loss but a weightlifting program featured in "Shape" magazine appeared to get rid of it. The workout was three times a week of no-nonsense iron-pumping that targeted problem areas. If you wanted to get rid of the cellulite in the lower part of your body, you would have to concentrate on developing the lower body muscles and use enough weight. A small study found that an eight-week course of the anti-cellulite workout, just 20 minutes a session, did have an effect.

ADHD ILLNESS

JANUARY 9, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:22)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that it was called Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or ADHD for children and teens suffering from the disorder, and there was a new burden. Doctor Barry Kaufman reported that youngsters with ADHD were more likely to need healthcare for injuries, asthma and other medical problems.

STRESS ILLNESS

JANUARY 10, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:36)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that doctors said a lot of stress in our lives could make us sick. Stress could suppress the immune system and cause people

to get viral infections or colds along with headaches, muscle pain, high blood pressure, fatigue, insomnia and other medical problems. Doctors said it was virtually impossible to avoid stress in this day's world but reducing the toll on the body could help. You could do that by using effective coping strategies like exercise or meditation.

FEELING FULL

JANUARY 11, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the average American gained weight during the holiday season. Diet experts said the key to losing it was to choose foods that contained dietary fiber. A grapefruit or an orange with a salad or a glass of juice with lunch would help you feel full and keep calories down. You should also eat fruits and vegetables, choose low-fat foods that are tangy and tasty and get moving with a daily walk or jog.

RU-486

JANUARY 11, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:40)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that there would be a roadblock to using the controversial abortion pill known as RU-486. RU-486 was the most effective when used in combination with another drug that has several other uses in pregnancy misoprostol. The Food and Drug Administration approved them to treat ulcers. But it could also help women in labor and stop life-threatening bleeding that could occur to women after giving birth. The drug's maker, Searle, sent a letter to doctors with tough new labeling language. It was warning that it was not intended for women who were pregnant because it could cause abortion and that it was not approved for the induction of labor or abortion. Doctors said Searle did that to avoid bad publicity and that that could hamper the willingness of doctors to provide the RU-486 regimen.

BLIND GENE

JANUARY 12, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that researchers had identified a gene linked to a common cause of blindness. It was a discovery that would help in the search for an effective treatment. The gene was found to be the cause of "Stargardt's Macular Degeneration." That was a disease that robbed more people of their sight than any other cause, especially among the elderly. Researchers were calling the discovery of the gene an important breakthrough that would allow them to test potential drug therapies.

BACK PAIN

JANUARY 13, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that help for minor back pain was as close as your medicine cabinet and local gym. Doctors said you could usually treat a sore back at home with ice, over the counter painkiller, and rest. Once you were feeling better, doctors recommended exercise kept the discs in your back hydrated.

BLOOD PRESSURE

JANUARY 15, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that dramatic results in a new study showed you could take control of your blood pressure and your life by cutting back on salt. Researchers at Harvard said lowering the salt in-take could lower blood pressure in hypertension sufferers so much that many people no longer had to take medication. The study involved more than 400 subjects. Every person lowered their blood pressure when following a low-salt diet. Researchers said making the dietary changes would prevent strokes and heart attacks later in life.

HOSPITAL / STAPH

JANUARY 17, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:22)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that going to the hospital could be bad for your health according to a new study. The study showed that many hospital patients got Staph infections from their own germs. Researchers said those life-threatening infections came from germs patients had in their noses. Staph infections had been blamed largely on germs spreading from people's hands. Researchers said that would change their focus to getting rid of the bacteria in the nose with a vaccine.

MILITARY OBESITY

JANUARY 20, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:38)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that many of our military are battling their waistlines. Every year the military kicks out thousands of members because of a weight problem. The army had introduced several programs to help keep their members in shape. The navy was filing suit. Military leaders hoped the programs would help keep their members in shape, and the country's overall defense in top condition.

STRONG BONES

JANUARY 22, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:31)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that doctors were saying that in addition to all the vitamins you take, Vitamin D would also help. Vitamin D helps the body absorb calcium. It's in fortified milk and cereal. It was also in certain kinds of seafood

and in cod liver oil. The human body also made its own vitamin d. Sunshine stimulated its production in the skin. But in the winter, in northern climates, the sun's rays may not be strong enough to kick-start the production process. That was why doctors recommended taking supplements. Experts said sticking to the amount of Vitamin D found in multi vitamins.

NFL/CHOLESTEROL

JANUARY 25, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:13)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that heart doctors were teaming up with pro football greats to get more Americans to check their cholesterol levels. It was called the NFL cholesterol screen team.

ASTHMA DRUG

JANUARY 28, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on a warning for people suffering from asthma. A new study said an additive used in one key drug could do more harm than good. Experts were telling consumers to avoid asthma drugs with the additive "Benzal-Konium Chloride" or BAC. In a university of Florida study where patients took the additive by itself, more than half suffered airway constriction. Scientists said that the BAC in certain asthma drugs would diminish the effectiveness of the drug delaying recovery from an asthma attack.

FEMARA CANCER

JANUARY 30, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:14)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Dilva Henry reported on great news for women suffering from advanced breast cancer. The news came in the form of a new drug, Femara. In a clinical trial it actually out-performed the current standard, Tamoxifen.

DIABETES

February 2, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reports Diabetes is a painful disease and many people have to give themselves daily shots. A new breakthrough in treatment may change all that.

BODY SCAN

February 5, 2001 2pm (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported about the newest technology that for some is replacing the routine physical. It's called full body scanning and viewers are introduced to a man whose life was literally saved because of it.

INFANT DEATHS

February 5, 2001 8pm (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported on why experts believe some SIDS cases may not be the result of an accident, but murder. She explains about the call for investigation into all suspected cases of SIDS.

OSTEOPOROSIS

February 7, 2001 2pm (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that for many women Osteoporosis is simply a part of the aging process. It is often painful but there is now help to age pain free.

KILLER SHOES

February 9, 2001 8pm (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that platform shoes are reaching new heights of popularity and daring fashion plates are sporting six to eight inch soles. Henry explains to viewers why these shoes can be bad for you physically.

COLD SEASON

February 13, 2001 2pm (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported its cold season and many of us are looking for a way to stop the headaches and nasal congestion. Henry discusses those over the counter remedies.

LASERS VS LENS

February 15, 2001 8pm (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that millions of people are near-sighted or far-sighted and have thought of laser eye surgery. She explains how it all works and who should consider this kind of surgery.

SILENT STROKES

February 16, 2001 2pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a surprising and shocking new report about strokes. Researchers say silent strokes are up to 20 times more common than strokes that cause symptoms. Eleven million Americans will have strokes this year and not even know it. Some will have more than one and the brain injury can add up over time, leading to impaired thinking and reasoning. Other symptoms are failing memory, inability to organize daily activities, difficulty walking and eventually dementia. To prevent a stroke doctors say, quit smoking, get high blood pressure under control, exercise and eat a healthy diet. Those rules can help prevent 3 out of 4 strokes.

LUNCH LIPOS

February 19, 2001 8pm (TRT 2:36)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reports on the increasingly popular liposuction procedures that can be done on one's lunch hour and you can return to work the very next day.

ORGANIC FOODS

February 20, 2001 2pm (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Alexa Lee reported that food labeled "organic" doesn't always mean it is better for you. Health conscious people say it is but the USDA isn't sure. The agency is now implementing new guidelines for labeling organic foods.

SODA BACTERIA

February 20, 2001 2pm (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a warning has gone out to drinkers of canned sodas. A laboratory found mold on the tops of cans that weren't first washed. The drinks were bought from both vending machines and grocery stores. There is good news. A can of baby formula was clean. As for bottled water, there was no mold or bacteria outside or inside the cap. The mold and bacteria may not hurt the average drinker, but it could be dangerous for young children, old people and those with a weak immune system.

TETANUS SHOTS

February 20, 2001 12pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that hospitals nationwide are rationing adult tetanus shots. The shots are only going to burn victims and other severely injured patients. It's one of the worst drug shortages in years and experts say it won't be the last.

CERVICAL CANCER

February 21, 2001 12pm (TRT :46)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the first potential vaccine against a virus that causes cervical cancer has passed a big test. Cervical cancer kills 200,000 women worldwide including 5,000 in the US. Researchers say the problem is the human papilloma virus or HPV a sexually transmitted virus. There are more than 80 strains of the virus but some cause cervical cancer.

KIDS SLEEP

February 27, 2001 12pm (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported the National Center on Sleep Disorders launched a new program to help kids get better sleep. The message aimed at kids "sleep well and you'll do so well" is being brought by cartoon animal Garfield the cat. Findings show kids who skimp on sleep are unable to pay attention in school and they are more likely to become irritable and frustrated than kids who get a full night's rest. Researchers recommend at least 9 hours of sleep each night for school age children.

EYECARE/COMPUTERS

February 28, 2001 12pm (TRT :42)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported on the millions of Americans who spend their workday in front of a computer screen. The strain on their eyes could lead to vision problems. In fact, for people who work on computers, eye and vision problems are the most frequently reported health problems in 75 percent of workers.

KAOPECTATE

MARCH 1, 2001 2PM (TRT 1:55)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that it was one of those products most people have somewhere in their medicine cabinet. But, there was a frightening warning about children's kaopectate. An environmental group said the product contained lead and lots of it.

LEUKEMIA DRUG

MARCH 1, 2001 12PM (TRT :41)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported a dramatic breakthrough for cancer patients. A new pill called Glivec showed astonishing results in people with a common form of leukemia. So much that the drugmaker Novartis filed for approval from the FDA after just three years of study.

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

MARCH 2, 2001 2PM (TRT :21)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported a warning today about mixing medications and grapefruit juice. Doctors said grapefruit juice could interfere with intestinal enzymes and cause the body to absorb too much medication. That could raise the levels of the drug in your system to a dangerous level.

MORNING AFTER PILL

MARCH 3, 2001 8PM (TRT :25)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported Orange County women are taking "The Morning After Pill" more than others nationwide. According to Planned Parenthood in Orange County, they distributed 110 percent more in 2000 than in 1999. Nationwide use of the Morning After Pill is up 80 percent.

SPORTS INJURIES

MARCH 6, 2001 12PM (TRT :48)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported a new study shows that sports-related injuries send about two and a half-million children and young adults to the hospital each year. The most common injuries were sprains and fractures.

PUBERTY DRUG

MARCH 6, 2001 12PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported a recent medical study showed that many seven, eight, and nine-year-old girls in the U.S. are showing signs of early puberty. It appeared that almost half of African-American girls and 15 percent of Caucasian girls developed breasts or pubic hair at age eight. Researchers don't know what's causing the change, but suspect it's because of childhood obesity or environmental causes.

FIRST TRIMESTER SCREENING

MARCH 10, 2001 9PM (TRT 1:54)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported a new test given in the first trimester of pregnancy gives you news that their baby will be healthy, giving them the news faster and safer than ever.

HANDICAPPED JEDI

MARCH 16, 2001 3:30PM (TRT 1:35)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported there's a condition called Ehler's Disease. It's rare, but incredibly difficult to live with. It causes a person's sockets to come out of joint, constantly, with such small moves as getting out of bed in the morning.

ALZHEIMERS #2

MARCH 16, 2001 2PM (TRT 2:33)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on a special place dedicated to the care and treatment of people with Dementia, specifically Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's is devastating and incurable. Changes in the nerve cells of the brain result in the death of a large number of cells that leads to Dementia. It usually strikes people over 65, but sometimes younger in the 40's.

PEANUT BUTTER

MARCH 16, 2001 12PM (TRT :32)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported a new study said peanut butter can help a person lose weight and lower cholesterol levels. Nutritionist said the key to this diet is to keep peanut butter intake to under or around four to six tablespoons a day, along with a healthy diet.

COTTON CANCER

MARCH 16, 2001 12PM (TRT :15)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported a possible cure of cancer may be found in cotton. Researchers say the secret is actually in cotton seeds. They said an oil in the seeds, a substance call "gossypol", may be the key. A study showed it slowed tumor growth.

ANTIBIOTICS

MARCH 23, 2001 8PM (TRT 1:45)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that a common patttern of getting sick, going to the doctor, and taking antibiotic could make you sicker. There are new guidelines to using antibiotics.

SHEEP SEIZED

MARCH 23, 2001 9PM (TRT :15)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported more fear mad cow disease may have made its way to America. Federal agents transported a second herd of sheep to Iowa to determine if it was exposed to the disease.

PREGNANCY WORK

MARCH 26, 2001 12PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported studies by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health show that you could be more at risk for miscarriage and for delivering pre-term babies. Experts recommend pregnant women avoid industrial solvents, cancer treatment drugs, dry cleaning fluids, and radiation from x-rays.

MOSQUITO WARNING

MARCH 26, 2001 10PM (TRT 1:13)

KCAL 9 Reporter Leyna Nguyen reported a disease carrying mosquitoes were on their way to the Southland. They're early this year because of all the winter rains. There were tips on what you could do to protect yourself.

FOOT MOUTH ORIGIN

MARCH 27, 2001 12PM (TRT :40)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported British official believed the recent outbreak of "Foot and Mouth Disease" originated in Asia. The disease is not stranger to the continent. Since the mid 1990's, there had been outbreaks in Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, the Phillipines, Vietnam, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and Mongolia.

VITAMIN BENEFITS

MARCH 27, 2001 12PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported while there are many causes of feeling sleepy, one of the most common is a shortage of B-vitamins in the diet. They enhance your mental function, give you energy, increase your balance and keep your skin healthy.

WOMEN SMOKERS

MARCH 27, 2001 2PM (TRT 1:39)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported the number of women smokers skyrocketed and so are the death rates related to lighting up. The latest report shocked a lot of people. One in five women smoke. That's double the number in 1965.

CANCER TREATMENT

MARCH 27, 2001 2PM (TRT 1:51)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported doctors at City of Hope Cancer Center have come up with a treatment that actually destroys cancer cells while leaving other tissue unharmed. The treatment was still in the trial stages, but so far there have been few side effects.

CLONING

MARCH 28, 2001 9PM (TRT 1:30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported researchers said the cloning of humans are just a few years away, but it's a step many said we shouldn't take. A house panel heard testimony on both sides of the controversy.

PROSTATE CANCER

MARCH 30, 2001 2PM (TRT :39)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported there's hope for men suffering from prostate cancer. The improved form of cryosurgery called "seednet" are giving doctors much greater control over the freezing process used to destroy the diseased gland, without damaging the nearby healthy tissue.

SWIMMER EAR

MARCH 20, 2001 12PM (TRT :28)

KCAL 9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that swimmer's ear is caused by a bacteria or fungus in the external ear canal. People whose ear canal is more curved than straight and wide, tend to get swimmer's ear more often. Ear plugs can help, but doctors say you should also try to draw out as much water as possible from your ears after swimming.